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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
WORKFORCE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, March 17, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Workforce and Talent Development was called to order by Chairman Johnson.

The Clerk read a letter from House Speaker Kevin Cotter which appointed Representative Gary Howell to the House Workforce and Talent Development Committee.

Members present: Reps. Johnson, Tedder, Farrington, Price, Lauwers, Crawford, Iden, Brett Roberts, Howell, Brinks, Geiss, Greig, Liberati, Love.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Townsend.

Representative Tedder moved to adopt the minutes of February 11, 2016. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Brinks moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Johnson laid the following bills before the committee:

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| HB 5435 (Lauwers) | Occupations; plumbers; authorized persons allowed to replace a residential water heater; clarify. |
| HB 5436 (Victory) | Occupations; electricians; electrical contractor license; expand to include installation of certain mechanical systems. |
| HB 5437 (VerHeulen) | Occupations; mechanical contractors; minimum experience requirement to take written license examination; modify. |

Representative Lauwers along with Brindley Byrd and Daniel Squires, both representing the Michigan Air Conditioning Contractors Association, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Todd Tennis and Jeannette Bradshaw, representing the IBEW Michigan State Conference, submitted a card in opposition to all three bills, testified in opposition to HB 5436 and submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion followed.

Cynthia Maher, representing the Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association, testified in opposition to HB 5435 and HB 5437.

Harold Harrington, representing the UA Local 370 Flint Plumbers, testified in opposition to HB 5435.

Jeffery Bowdell, representing Wade Trim – Client Municipalities, testified with a neutral position on HB 5435.

Mike Crawford, representing the National Electrical Contractors, testified in opposition to HB 5436.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Justin Pomerville, representing the UA Plumbers and Steamfitters.

Bill Helwig, representing himself.

Jon DeRoo, representing the Detroit Plumbers Local 98.

Patrick Devlin, representing the Michigan Building Trades.

Patrick Gleason, representing the Michigan Building Trades.

Laura Rayes Kopack, representing the Mechanical Contractors Association of Detroit.

Justin Byrd, representing the Michigan Laborers Union.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:56 a.m.

Representative Joel Johnson, Chair_____

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